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MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority  
FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator  
SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CENTER URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

On April 17 the Authority held a Public Hearing on the Government Center Project.

At subsequent meetings of the Authority further discussion of the Government Center Plan were held.

Under the legal and procedural requirements of the urban renewal process, the Authority will be requested to approve various resolutions relating to the Plan. These resolutions, which are attached, are as follows:

1. Resolution Approving the Urban Renewal Plan.
2. Resolution determining that the Government Center Project Area is a decadent area.
3. Resolution authorizing execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Boston.
4. Resolution authorizing the submission of the Plan to the Mayor and City Council and the State Division of Urban and Industrial Renewal.

Under the first resolution, the Authority would approve the Urban Renewal Plan. Minor revisions are proposed, as a result of the April 17 Public Hearing and as a result of preliminary drawings for the Government Center Plaza that have been submitted by the Government Center Commission of the City of Boston.

The first resolution also suggests that, since the Plan permits the construction of transient housing, the Authority make the following finding:

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That it is hereby found and determined, as a result of the competent and independent analysis of the local supply of transient housing, that there exists in the area a need for additional units of such housing.

In this connection, the Government Center Market Consultants, Real Estate Research Corporation, conducted such a study. A summary of this study was submitted to the Authority on May 1.

